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7:00 PM

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Next meeting
we are having an
Auction Night
please let us know what
items you are bringing
to auction off (limit of 5).

Win Gold at the Raffle!



Thank you, Joe and Molly
for last month's treats
and the buffalo cake.
Next month's treats will be
provided by: Cliff
Next month's news
article by Larry Kimura

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We are looking for news
articles and personal
experiences to put in the
monthly newsletter. Please
email them to the club's
email address.

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

If you are confused about the weather, you are not alone. One day it is winter, the next it is summer. So always look for the positive. We need the moisture and it does create more conductivity to find more items in the ground.

A big thank you goes out to Phil Lavorgna for his wonderful feature item presentation about railroad history booklets. Also to Irv Ratcliffe for his amazing presentation on our club and the items he collects. Thanks again gentlemen; you made for a fantastic evening.

I would like to extend my appreciation to Johnny Gallegos for assisting me in a presentation to the Tooele Gems and Minerals Society. We were able to present information about the NUTS Club, our website, and our involvement with metal detecting. Please check out our updated website. Johnny has done a fabulous job.

This month, our feature item will be from Larry Kimura and treats will be provided by Cliff Fausett. Also, we will be having our annual NUTS Club auction. Please make sure that you email your five item list to Eldon Farnsworth. Bob Campbell will be our auctioneer. This will be a great evening to make a little money and have a lot of fun. Please come out and join us. Bring your family and friends.

See you at the meeting,

Todd Monson



How to get Christmas Raffle Tickets Throughout the Year

- 1 for monthly attendance,
- 1 for bringing treats (dessert and drink),
- 1 for being an officer/wagon master each month,
- 1 for each hour serving at the coin/token show,
- 1 for submitting an article,
- 1 for referral that joins club,
- 1 for member spotlight or special find in the news,
- 1 purchasing prizes for the raffle per month

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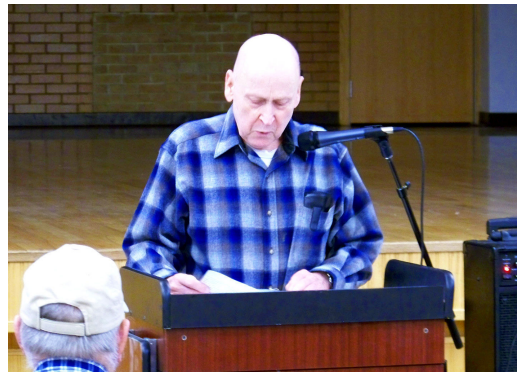
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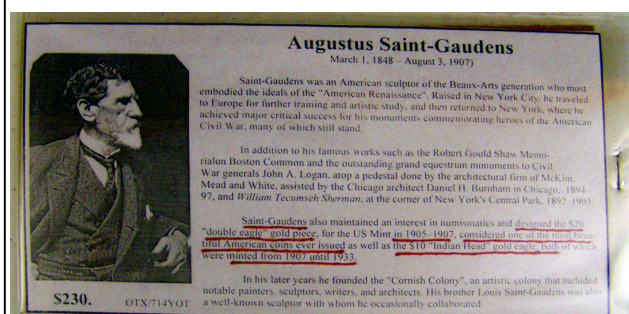


Irv joined the NUTS club 29 years ago, when the club originally started. Then he described the collectibles he has bought over the years. His favorite items that he collects are LDS church related. He has also collected medals designed by Augustus Saint-Gaudens and James Earle Fraser (designer of the Buffalo Nickel).

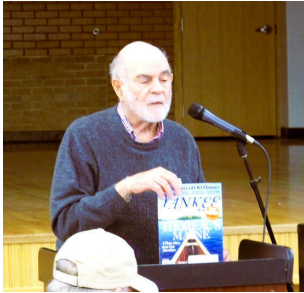
Along Irv's journey through life he was friends with Alvin E. Rust and he saw Bob Campbell join the club early on. Irv also told a story when John Pittman visited Utah. John had mortgaged his house to purchase a rare coin, without his wife's approval. After his death, John's coin collection realized at auction over 40 million dollars.

Irv graduated from Weber State and got his masters degree at the U of U. He worked at the State Health Department.

There are 316 towns in Utah that made tokens, with over 5,000 different types produced. Irv has collected over 200 tokens from different towns, but to get over 300 is a large feat.



Meeting



Phil Lavorgna
sharing a
news items

Finds of the Month



Welcome Visitors



IN THE NEWS

The ANA is holding National Coin week April 19th through the 25th. The theme for this year is "Building Tomorrows - Inspiration and Innovation at World's Fairs."

<https://www.money.org/numismatic-events/national-coin-week>

West Point Mint - http://www.usmint.gov/about_the_mint/mint_facilities/?action=WP_facilities

★ Northern Utah Coin Show ★



The coin show seemed well attended, based on my late arrival (5 PM on Sat.). Several dealers had already left to return home.



Auction Items

Silver dollars 1922, 1884, 1879 and a 1909 V.D.B. cent, 1952 BU roll of pennies, 1963-D BU roll of dimes, 1946 Iowa centennial half-dollar, Bottle CORRY Belfast.

Don't be shy, please bring items to the auction.

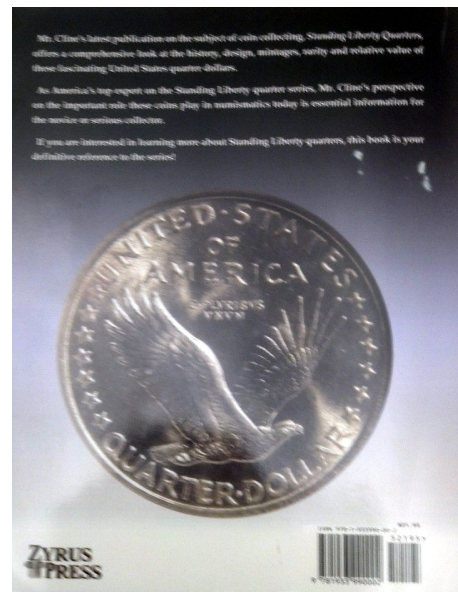
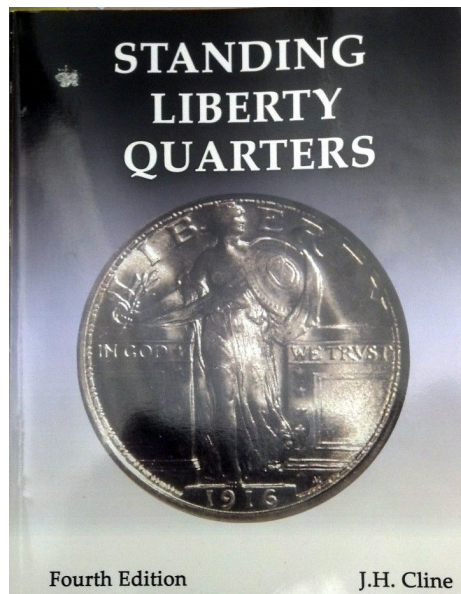
It will help you and the club.

Current Metal Prices

Gold: \$1203.30 ▼ Silver: \$16.26 ▼ What are the top 10 Tokens made in Utah?

Book Review

Standing Liberty Quarters



Standing Liberty Quarters

Fourth Edition

Author: J.H. Cline

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retail \$21.95

The book includes many letters between the artist Hermon A. MacNeil and the mint to refine the design. It even covers "Model Controversy", who was the real model and who took credit. The mint errors, such as off-center, die cracks and wrong planchets, are covered. One of the more essential explanations of what is a full-head designation and what other features make a good strike will help you in your purchasing decisions. A majority of the book has a full description of each variety of coin by year and mint; including mintage, population by grade and full head report.

Key Dates: 1918/7-s with about 12 pieces in Full Head

Estimated Population

G 5%, VG 10%, F 15%, VF 25%, XF 25%, AU 15%, BU

Other Key Dates: 1921, 1923-s

In 1925, the mint changed the design to recessed date, similar to the Buffalo Nickel. You should be able to find a 1925 in either MS-65 or MS-66 with Full Head. For 1927-S, watch out for an added mint mark, the S may be out of place, crooked, or be lop-sided. The best strikes of the 1920's type 2b are the 1929, 1930 and 1927. 1928-S has four types of repunched mint marks D/D, D/S, S/S, & S/D.

The book also goes into detail on how to grade the three different types of Standing Liberty Quarters. There is also a chapter that shows the historical values from over the years using gray-sheets and red books. Of all of the early U.S. quarters, the Standing Liberty Quarter is one of the most beautiful artistic designs. However, the mint had trouble getting good strikes and ended up with three varieties of the design. As a result, the Standing Liberty Quarters are a fun set to collect.



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